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**Vrakas Signs Ordinance at Minogue Property**

WAUKESHA – Waukesha County Executive Dan Vrakas will sign the Minogue Property acquisition ordinance at the Cottonwood Avenue Wayside in the village of Hartland on Friday, April 6 at 11 a.m.

Vrakas said, “I am pleased to be able to sign this important ordinance in the beautiful Hartland area. The protection of the Minogue Property is critical to this environmental corridor.”

The property, which happens to be the last privately owned marshland along the Bark River, was identified in the county’s comprehensive development plan for preservation through acquisition. Rich with wildlife and vegetation, like burr and white oak trees, the Minogue Property allows for the permanent protection of the entire 170 acre Hartland Marsh, owned in part by the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation.

At the request of the Waukesha Land Conservancy, a non-profit conservation organization, the county agreed to contribute \$80,100 through the Walter J. Tarmann Parkland Acquisition Fund to help acquire the land. Additional funding for the \$450,000 property came from the non-profit and the state.

“I am deeply appreciative of the County Board’s willingness to invest this money to protect the Minogue property and surrounding area, and I want to thank the Waukesha Land Conservancy and the state for their continued partnership on such endeavors,” stated Vrakas.

As part of the agreement, the Waukesha Land Conservancy will be responsible for site maintenance and will provide the county with a trail easement for the future creation of the Bark River Greenway Trail.

For more information about the ordinance or the signing ceremony, please call the County Executive’s Office at (262) 548-7902.

Directions to the Cottonwood Avenue Wayside follow: take S.T.H. 83 north to C.T.H. KE; turn east on C.T.H. KE; follow C.T.H. KE to Cottonwood Ave.; and turn north on Cottonwood Ave. The shelter will be on the left past Dorner Manufacturing Corporation.

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